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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/925,531) Examiner: M. Fletcher
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Filed: August 10, 2001)
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For: STAGE ASSEMBLY AND)
EXPOSURE APPARATUS)
INCLUDING THE SAME)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicant attaches copies of the listed documents. Applicant also attaches an English abstract for each of WO 99/16080, JP 11-168064, and JP 10-74685. In addition, for JP 11-168064 and JP 10-74685, Applicant attaches their full English translations done by computer and available at the Japanese Patent Office website <<http://www.jpo.go.jp>>. Applicant respectfully points out that JP 11-168064 and WO 99/16080 are corresponding publications. Applicant respectfully requests that the

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Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's representative is in the process of obtaining a full English translation (human translation) for JP 10-74685 and a partial English translation (human translation) for JP 11-168064. The portions of JP 11-168064 to be translated into English are marked in red on the attached copy. Applicant's representative will submit these human translations as soon as they become available.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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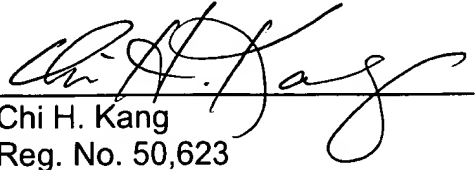
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